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USSR CLAIMS DISCOVERY OF ANTI-INFLUENZA VACCINE

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Paris, 21 October (AFP)-- Radio Moscow asserted today that the "filterable virus of influenza was discovered 60 years ago by the Russian scientist Dmitriy Ivanovskiy." The broadcast said that an extensive campaign against influenza had been waged by Soviet bacteriologists, who had succeeded in isolating the virus. According to Radio Moscow, this virus is no larger than half a millimicron. Four types have been isolated.

Soviet scientists are said to have prepared and utilized, on a large scale in hospitals, a powerful preventive called ekmolin, as well as a vaccine and a serum of which over one million inoculations have already been produced.

In conclusion, Radio Moscow said that "influenza, which devastates capitalist countries in epidemic proportions, has almost disappeared in the Soviet Union, as a result of both the particularly high standard of living in the USSR and the prophylactic measures applied there by decision of the 19th Party Congress."

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